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From: David Summers [mailto:emailsummers@gmail.com]
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To: DOT STIP
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State DOT,

These are my Comments on the State of AK Trans. Plan, especially continued funding and construction of the Juneau Access Project Highway connection from Juneau to Skagway.

I support the continued funding of the Lynn Canal Highway Project, I would like to see the funding for the Lynn Canal Highway brought forward so that it is completed within five years. The state and travelers do not start saving money until the project is complete. I support the Juneau Access project and believe the state should keep pursuing the extension to Skagway. The Lynn Canal Highway is the most important project in this amendment and I support its funding. No other project in the state will save as much money for the state and for users. The Lynn Canal Highway could be financed by the costs it saves each year and that fact should be included in the early commentary. I believe a separate category of what a project will cost or save the state in annual operating costs should be included in the STIP. If this were done it would easily demonstrate that this project pays for itself. With the price of fuel and concerns raised about our "carbon footprint" and the fact that ferry service in Lynn Canal burns more fossil fuel than vehicles traveling the highway, I suggest a new category be added to the STIP estimating the increase or decrease in usage of fossil fuels. No other project in the state will save as much state costs and user costs as the Lynn Canal Highway. I believe a separate category stating how much each project saves users and the state treasury should be added to the STIP so that the public has an accurate picture of annual maintenance costs.

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